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SUBJECT: FRG PRESS SPOKESMEN ON PENTAGON STUDY

A PRESS SPOKESMAN OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY SAID TODAY THAT ON THE QUESTION OF THE SO- CALLED PENTAGON STUDY AND THE NATO STUDY, MINISTER LEBER HAD ALREADY CITED WELL KNOWN FIGURES ABOUT BALANCE OF POWER IN EUROPE. THE SPOKESMAN OBSERVED THAT THERE COULD NATURALLY BE A CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THEM IF ONE DIFFERENTIATED BETWEEN THE OVERALL MILITARY BALANCE AND THE BALANCE BETWEEN CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE. HE NOTED THAT, IN ANY CASE, THE PENTAGON STUDY IS NOT OFFICIAL. THE FONOFF SPOKESMAN, VON WECHMAR, ADDED THAT SECRETARY ROGERS IN EFFECT TOOK A POSITION ON THE MATTER WHEN HE SIGNED THE NATO COMMUNIQUE IN COPENHAGEN. ASKED WHETHER THIS PROBLEM HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF INQUIRIES IN WASHINGTON, VON WECHMAR ANSWERED, " NATURALLY, AND NOT ONLY IN WASHINGTON, UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT ALSO IN BRUSSELS AND COPENHAGEN, WHERE THERE WERE
OPPORTUNITIES TO ASK COMPETENT AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES
ABOUT THIS PROBLEM." HILLENBRAND

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